This is a unique opportunity to study on-site in Cuba, one of our nearest, most significant, and culturally-rich neighbors. The island of Cuba blends Caribbean, African, and European cultures, creating a diverse and inspiring environment that students are able to experience by enrolling in courses taught by College of Charleston faculty as well as Cuban scholars. The program offers one semester in Havana, Cuba where students can earn 12-15 hours of credit through the College of Charleston. Students live with carefully selected Cuban families to provide an enriching cultural and social learning experience. Students will also observe and participate in an array of cultural activities and study trips designed to encourage direct interaction with the Cuban people. The program allows students to further their Spanish language skills as well as learn about the rich heritage of Cuba as reflected in its culture, art, and music as well in its economy, political and social history, and diverse tropical environment. Classes are conducted Monday through Thursday, allowing weekends to explore the island. Several study-visits and day trips with cultural activities and lectures will be an integral part of the student experience. This program is ideal for students who are Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Political Science, or International Studies, majors or minors, students who major or minor in Spanish, or students interested in developing fluency in Spanish. Students must have an overall GPA of 2.5.

>> PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

**PROGRAM OFFERINGS (STUDENTS MUST EnROLL IN 12 HOURS)**

**[Taught in English]**
- LACS 103: Introduction to Contemporary Cuba
- LACS 200: Talking Trash and Wasting Time
- LACS 340: Afro-Caribbean and Afro-Latin Studies
- POLI 340: Politics of Latin America
- POLI 245: The Cuban Revolution

**[Taught in Spanish]**
- SPAN275: Spanish Skills Review OR SPAN 328: Spanish Language Study Abroad

**PROGRAM DATES**
February - April, 2023
*Exact dates TBD

**PROGRAM FEE**
$5,975
*Fee is estimated and does not include tuition

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**
October 1

CUBA
>> PROGRAM FEE

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>> INCLUDED IN PROGRAM FEE
- Non-refundable application fee of $50
- Round-trip airfare from Charleston to Cuba
- Housing with breakfast and dinner in private residences (casas particulares)
- All ground transportation and entrance fees during program excursions
- Academic Visas
- International Health Insurance

>> NOT INCLUDED IN PROGRAM FEE
- Tuition: Students will pay their normal CofC tuition. All financial aid and scholarships that students normally receive will apply.

>> SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships ranging from $500- $2,500 are available to support CofC degree-seeking students to study abroad; eligibility is based on demonstrated financial need and academic merit. Applications can be found on the CIE website: https://international.cofc.edu under Scholarships.

>> TO APPLY
To apply visit https://cofc.via-trm.com. For questions related to academics and program logistics, please contact Program Director Christina Garcia at garciacm@cofc.edu or Dr. Nadia Avendaño at avendanon@cofc.edu. For other questions, please contact the CIE at studyabroad@cofc.edu or 843-953-7661.

The application deadline is October 1. Please note that a non-refundable $50 application fee, is part of the program fee and is charged separately to students only if they withdraw from the program after submitting their application.